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SUBJECT : ERIC PACE ARTICLE ON MIDDLE EAST FORCE

1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME MARCH 12 THAT INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE VERSION OF PACE ARTICLE ON MIDDLE EAST FORCE, WHICH WE BOTH HAVE SEEN, IS ABBREVIATED VERSION OF ARTICLE AS IT APPEARED IN NEW YORK TIMES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE FULL TEXT OR AT LEAST HIGHLIGHTS OF TIMES VERSION TELEGRAPHICALLY.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER DID NOT SEEM UNDULY UPSET HERALD TRIBUNE VERSION ALTHOUGH HE DID FUSS A BIT ABOUT REFERENCES LASALLE'S COMMUNICATIONS MONITORING CAPABILITY AND PACE'S OBSESSIVE, IF GENTLEMANLY, FASCINATION WITH EVERY NUT AND BOLT OF MIDDLE EAST FORCE ACTIVITY. HE EXPLAINED HIS RATHER WAFFLEY COMMENTS ON STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS WERE SIMPLY ATTEMPT TO GET PACE OFF HIS BACK IN MANNER WHICH WOULD CAUSE MINIMUM COMMENT IN ARAB WORLD AND DID NOT REFLECT ANY SECOND THOUGHTS ON GOB'S PART ABOUT MIDDLE EAST FORCE PRESENCE.
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